Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Marvel Killalea was born on December 7, 1909, to John and Ida Killalea at Lemmon, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Marvel married Gerald Goodroad on January 14, 1928, and to this union five children were born: Janice, Marlo (Buddy), Michael, Nancy, and Steven, and the couples' lives were further blessed by 13 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Marvel and Gerald operated the New Home Grocery Store in Sioux Falls for over 50 years; and,

Whereas, Marvel keeps active by reading several books each week, working daily crossword puzzles, and writing personalized birthday letters to her children and grandchildren; and,

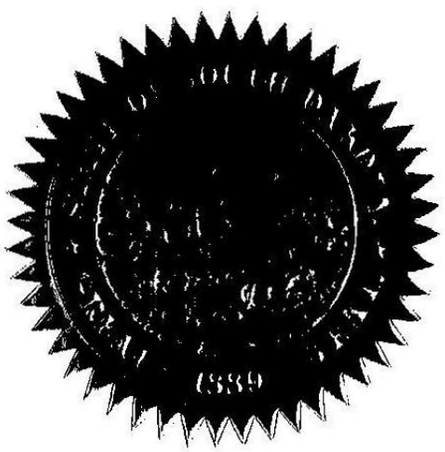
Whereas, Marvel credits her faith in God as the central power in her life, in her words, "God has been with me all the way…If He hadn't been, I wouldn't be here today"; and,

Whereas, Marvel will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 7, 2009, as

MARVEL GOODROAD DAY

in South Dakota, and I join her friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State